Also Advocates Repeal of Sherman Law in Address to Hardware Men.

RAILROADS DEFENDED

Declares Refusal of Rate Increases Made Fall Down Inevitable.

Frank Baackes, vice-president of the American Steel and Wire Company, used a good part of the hammer stack of the joint hardware conventions at the Hotel Astor yesterday in telling the nembers of the Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard and New York State Retail Hardware associations what he thought of the business conduct of the war. He paid his respects to Dr. Gar-Seld as a coal administrator, his opinion ceming to be that as a coal administrator the doctor was really a good pro-

Mr. Baackes, who comes from Chi cago, thought that the Sherman law ought to be put to sleep for the period of DETECTIVE IGNORED the war, so that cooperation might result, and he thought that a greater number of practical manufacturers and busiess men on the Council for National Defence would help a lot.

"It is not the part of any American citizen to criticise the acts of our ex-scutives in Washington at this time," said Mr. Baackes, "but it is not improper to express regret that a more logical policy was not hit upon in the handling of commodities during the progress of the war. The coal situation is one of the examples of this sort of licy. You cannot expect a tailor to state a blacksmith shop successfully, r can we expect too much of an adistrator who was nothing more than

A Better Plan.

To the manufacturer and the practibeen far more advantageous for the country's good had representative men in every line of industry in this country been summoned to Washington and or-ganized into a counch to take full charge of this important branch of the Govern t's gigantic task. Manufacturers of s should have been placed in charge of the work of supplying the needs of the Government in this line as well as the

ition to know the capacity of every factory in the country and apportion the orders in such manner as to have prompt delivery and at the same time fix prices with wisdom and fairness. The same may be said of coal and the other com-

"The most deplorable feature of the situation at present is the fall down of our railroads, and right at the outset I will say that the railroads were not en-tirely to blame for the conditions which confronted them at the crucial moment. Whenever the roads have sought to imso increased freight rates the shippers the railroads were unable to add to and

are without courage, but I am one

ing this principle. Selfish interests should find no place in the business affairs of the present, and the sooner we drop that eld spirit of 'what do I get out of it.' the quicker we will make it possible for he Government to place itself on a subntial war footing."

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

The following appraisals of estates were cont from the office of the Deputy State Computed of the Surrogate's Court:

JAMPES G. JOHNSON, died December 29, 1916. Joseph W. Spenuer, appraiser. Total assets, \$516,463; net estate, \$500,525. Assets: Real estate, 305 West 197th street, valued at \$30,000; equity \$11,000; cash, \$31,835; personal. \$35,455; stocks and bonds, \$536,372; the larger holding being 1,513 shares of James G. Johnson & Co. importers and Jobbers of millinery, 16 West Thirty-third street, \$301,278; United States Steel Corporation, 200 shares of common stock, \$31,837; invested in American Lloyde, \$1,900. Beneficiaries: Hissen and daughters. George B., \$123,624; Thomas W. Edward S. Johnson, Annie McEntyre, \$104,832 each, and Elvira Keisy \$123,734; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren receive \$1,000 each; five friends and three religious societies receive from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Dr. Wildlam H. Van Den Burkt, died August 22, 1917. Total assets, \$133,652, not estate, \$125,848. Assets, Real estate, \$3 west Forty-eighth street, valued at \$65,000; equity, \$15,882; personal, \$21,032; stocks and bonds, \$35,000; and other small holdings, \$456. Beneficiaries: His widow, Maria S. Van Den Herg of 30 West Forty-eighth street, valued at \$60,000; equity \$18,882; personal, \$21,032; stocks and bonds, \$35,000; and other small holdings, \$456. Beneficiaries: His widow, Maria S. Van Den Herg of 30 West Forty-eighth street, Sile, \$36,000; equity of \$300.

RICHARD LIMBURG, died February 6, 1915, Total assets, \$532,259; net estate, \$351,149. Assets Real estate, \$4,426; cash, \$18,144; personal, \$15,000; stocks and bonds, \$40,760, the larger items being for similar being stocks and bonds, \$40,760, the larger items being for similar stock of industrial Securities Company, valued at \$44,800, appraised at \$35,149, hours of securities of preferred stock of the same rallway, \$13,846, 745 shares of breferred stock of the same rallway, \$13,846, 745 shares of Chewiand Ciffus from Works, \$46,775, inclusing for similar frati

to the plant of the Weehawken Tungsten Lamp Company. Firemen from Union Hill and East Hobken were called to add the Washawken force. The origin is a myster.

HACKETT TO GIVE **PLAYS IN CAMPS** Director by K. of C.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- Anxious to do patriotic war service, James K. Hackett, famous American actor-manager, has volunteered his services to the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities, and has been appointed gen eral director of amusement by that or-

Mr. Hackett will begin immediately the organization of high class theatrical companies in the army encampments and cantonments and the naval stations, these companies to be composed of profes-sional actors and talented ammeurs now in military service. Mr. Hackett will receive no remuneration, and probably will devote his entire time to it for the

will devote his entire time to it for the duration of the war.

The plays which Mr. Hackett plans to produce will be presented in the buildings which the Knights of Columbus, representing the Catholic people of this country, are operating as social, recreational and religious centres in the camps. He will be assisted by several executive and producing experts from his own staff, and will begin operations at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Camp Devens. Ayer, Mass.

As soon as the organization of the talent in the American camps has been completed Mr. Hackett will go to France to continue his work in the Knights of Columbus buildings located in the camps of the American expeditionary forces.

CITY JUDGE'S PLEA

Mark Bennett Says He Was Told Ruth Cruger's Case Was a Love Affair.

How detectives of the Fourth branch acted on the theory that Ruth Cruger's disappearance was to be explained by a flore affair was related yesterday by Judge Mark A. Bennett, formerly City Judge of Mount Vernon, at the trial of Detective John Lagarenne for alleged to escape. Lagarenne was one of the State's list, with nine partly dry, as to escape. Lagarenne was one of the State's list, with nine partly dry, as the escape. Lagarenne was one of the State's list, with nine partly dry, as the result of last fall's elections. There are already after Miss Cruger's disappearance on February 15, 1917. The days after Miss Cruger's disappearance was to the search the search to the search the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance was the search to the search the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance was the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance was the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance took in \$20.745.568 in the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance took in \$20.745.568 in the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance took in \$20.745.568 in the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance took in \$20.745.568 in the search that the days after Miss Cruger's disappearance took in the search that the d

three days after Miss Cruger's disap-pearance. He tried to get the detec-tives to intensify their search, he said. "All I got was the statement that the

Police Department had the best system in the world for locating missing per-sons," said the witness. "I had a talk sons," said the witness. "I had a talk with Lagarenne, and when he suggested that it was the average case of a missing girl, probably a love affair, I told him emphatically that he was mistaken. I demphatically that he was mistaken. I told him that it might be a wise thing for the police to take up the search at Cocchi's shop where she had last been for it, that Cocchi had been greatly annoyed and hampered by newspapermen." Henry D. Cruger, father of the dead girl, continued his story of his futile efforts to get Lagarenne to centre his investigation around Cocchi. His suspicions were matched at all times by the police view of the bicycle repair man's eminent respectability, and nothing was done, Mr. Cruger said.

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John W. Leib, vice-president of the New York Edison Company, declared it would be a very difficult matter to armines and transfer the duties to any other departments.

"It would make it possible," said Senator of the Board of Aldermen to adopt an ordinance, subject to the Mayor's approval, which would transfer to the duties of the Department of the Mayor's approval, which would transfer to a very difficult matter to armines and transfer the duties to any other departments.

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would not make any difference to him."

Mrs. Marie Cocchi, wife of the murderer, testified briefly about Cocchi's who are without courage, but I am one who is brave enough to overlook the letter of such a law as this if I feel sinterely that by so doing I am aiding my country in her hour of need.

"Our President decreed wisely when he said that there should be a policy of price limitations on all commodities, and we should stand back of him in uphold-

More Specific Charges.

Nine patrolmen of the motorcycl squad who figured in the correspondence between Mayor Hylan and Frederick H. Bugher just before Mr. Bugher gave up the fleeting dream of a Police Commisthe fleeting dream of a Police Commissionership, appeared yesterday for trial
before Deputy Commissioner Leach.
They were charged with irregular practices in the serving of summonses for
motor vehicle violations.
The men who were suspended by
Commissioner Enright upon the demand

of the Mayor were Francis F. Manning,
Leo J. Hoy, William B. Mott, William
Delaney, Frank Richert, Martin J.
Moore, John D. Geldeman, Thomas M.
Kerrigan and Willard A. Helms.
Kerrigan and Helms were acquitted
last week in the Criminal Branch of the
Recommendation of the control of the contr Supreme court when arraigned on simi-lar charges.

Counsel for the men demanded that

the charges be made more specific and a motion to this effect was taken under advisement for ten days.

POORE HEADS MUTINY COURT. More Negroes of 24th Infantry t

Be Tried at San Antonio. Et. Paso, Tex., Feb. 14 .- Brig.-Gen Benjamin Poore to-day announced he had been appointed to head the court which will try more negroes of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry on charges of murder, mutiny, assault and wilful disobedience of orders, all growing out of the rioting in Houston on August 23. The trial will open at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Mon-

day.

The negroes to be tried were taken from the Fort Bliss prison stockade recently and are now at Fort Sam Hous-

ton.
Mayor D. V. Sutphin will be the
Judge Advocate, Major Thomas Finley
Assistant Judge Advocate and Major
Harry Grier attorney for the defendants.

Paris, Feb. 14 .- The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the follow-ing changes: Notes in circulation, inc. \$1,057,000 francs; Treasury deposits. dec. 225.651,000 francs; general deposits, inc. 53.021,000 francs; bills discounted, dec. 12.151,000 francs; advances, dec. 19.521,000 francs; gold in hand, inc. 1,509,000 francs; silver in hand, inc. 1,600.000 francs.

Bright Fire at Weehawken.

Flames which could be seen from Maniattan did \$50,000 damage last night

PROHIBITION LACKS REPUBLICAN VOTES

Leaders Have No Expectation of Aid From Assembly

SENATE SLEDDING HARD

Ratification of Amendment at This Session Seems Most Improbable.

Special Despatch to THE SEX ALBANY, Feb. 14 .- The Rev. O. R. Miffer, leader of the prohibition ailies, went around to Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet of the Assembly this afternoon and got a little valentine in the form of information that only sixty of the Republican members of the lower house would vote to ratify the national prohibition amendment. As it takes seventysix votes to carry the lower body the tidings sent the Prohis scurrying to the rural districts in quest of home senti-ment to lash the missing sixteen Re-

publican sheep into the fold.

No hope is cherished by Dr. Miller that the Democrats will do anything for the bill, as thirty-seven of their num-ber come from New York city and the other three from unregenerate portions of the State where the town moving picture palace is not the only visible means of recreation. Nobody knows what the ten Socialists will do, but they have been considered generally as opposed to anything of lib-erty curtailing nature.

Harder Stedding in Senate.

Speaker Sweet thinks that it will take a lot of sentiment making to corral the missing votes. The Prohibitionists made much talk to-day, punctuated by some criticism, of the Speaker's estimate of the situation. The Senate is expected to afford harder sleading for the record

went out of business. The Brown license law also took 654 hotels off the license list. The department took in \$20.747,508 tration in ordering the "lightless nights." the year, of which the municipal the general line of argument was that

because he expects to run for Surrogate to succeed William A. Sawyer.

Bill for City Home Rule.

A bill to give to New York city greater home rule powers was introduced to-day by Senator James A. Foley. It would give the city the full extent of

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Collapse No Surprise.

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handle a most unusual situation without loss of time they found themselves unable to cope with the gigantic task which confronted them.

"The Sherman law is another stumbiling block to efforts of manufacturers and business men. To my mind it always proved to be such, but never so much as at present, which cooperation and coordination are required to supply the best results. No one man can meet the emergency, but a combined front can accomplish wonders. There are many who are without course, but I are not such that the sus are that there was no reason to have Cocchi watched, that he was a respectively to the second and third class cities, there would seem to be no reason to have Cocchi watched, that he was a respectively to the second and third class cities, there would seem to be no reason to have Cocchi watched, that he was a respectively to grant similar powers to New York."

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Sixty Cattle Sold for \$54,550.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14.—Sixty Here. Policemen Accused by Mayor Ask

KANSAS CITT. Feb. 14.—Sixty Hereford cattle, owned by S. H. Velie of this ford cattle, owned by S. H. Velie of this city, were solid at the Kansas City stock yards yesterday for a total of \$54.550, or an average price of \$909 a head. Buyers were present from nine States. The top price of the sale, \$3.050, was paid by W. D. Johnson of this city for Minnehaha, a seven-year-old cow.

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lacque, Jongkind, Millet, Gustave Moreau,
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Old Pictures

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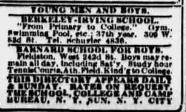
Sale, in consequence of decase, at the Galerie Georges Petit, 5 Rue de Sèze.

Paris, on March 2, 1918.

On View February 28 and March 1, Auctioneers—M. F. LAIR DUBREUTI., 6 Rue Favart; M. HENRI BAUDOIN, 10 Rue Grangs Ratoliere, Paris.

Experts—M. GEORGES PETIT, 5 Rue de Sèze: M. R. H. TRIPP, 8 Rue St. Georges.

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SEES NATIONS CLOSER BOUND. President's Reply to Greetings of

Earl Rending. WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The exchanges f greetings between Earl Reading, the ew British Ambassador, and President Wilson, when the former presented his Shell Hairpin and Teeth Marks redentials yesterday, were made public

o-day by the State Department. On behalf of King George, Earl Read ing expressed the highest gratification hat relations between the United States that relations between the United States and Great Britain were to be strengthened by participation in a common cause.

President Wilson replying said: "I believe that the righteous cause we are now prosecuting will serve to bind more closely the people of the United States and the people of Great Britain, and the people of all the other nations which desire the triumph of justice and liberty, and the establishment of a peace which shall last."

W. 23D STREET MYSTERY

Body in Kitchen With Wounds

Bandaged and Towel Tied

Stranglingly.

LIGHT COSTS NATION LESS THAN LIQUOR

Electric Expert Gives Remarkable Figures_Doubt About Heatless Day Savings.

That the people of the United States spend more money each year in getting "lit up" than there is spent in illuminating every city in America was the statement made last night by Preston S. Millar, general secretary of the Electrical Testing Laboratories of New York, in an address before the Illuminating En-

Senator George A. Slater announced to-day that he would not be a candidate for reelection from Westchester county because he expects to an factor of debate as to whether or not a greater saving could not be accomplished. saving could not be accomplished by working in other directions. No resolutions were adopted or suggestions formally offered to the Fuel

Will Hold Any Yessel That Can Enter Panama Canal.

Special Despatch to THE SES Nonrolla, Va., Feb. 14.—Norfolk is to have two of the largest dry docks in the world, according to Rear Admiral Mc-Lean, commanding the Fifth Naval disconstruction will be ready next fail. Any ship that can pass through the Panama Canal, says Admired trict. One of the docks now other of the two docks to be built here.

The original plan of the Navy De-partment called for the construction of we docks at Philadelphia and one at Norfolk. Recently this plan was changed and two docks will be built here and one at Philadelphia.

LANDLADY SLAIN **WOMAN IS HUNTED**

in Victim's Arm Point to Female.

A few tortoise shell hair pins and broken side comb, found on the floor of a hallway in 507 West Twenty-third street, led to the belief that Mrs. Helen Hammell, whose body was found lying In the kitchen vesterday, came to her death at the hands of a woman. Two imprints of teeth on the left forearm strengthened this belief with the police officials trying to unravel the mystery of the woman's death.
Two women who had rooms in the

place were questioned last night by Police Inspector Cray and Capt. Walsh of the West Twentieth street station, while a search was conducted over the city for a third woman who lived there until Wednesday.

Mrs. Hammel's body was found by Eugene Wendle, a lodger, when he went to the rear of the first floor yesterday. Dr. W. H. Nammack, assistant county medical examiner, said the woman had been dead not less than fifteen hours when the body was found.

an address before the Illuminating Engineering Society in the Engineering Building, 21 West Thirty-ninth street.

While those were not the exact words of Mr. Millar, he gave figures to verify his declaration. Here they are:

Expenditures for illumination \$500.

wife.

A small purse with some silver change was found on the floor of the kitchen. Nothing was found to indicate the motive was robbery. In the room with Mrs. Hammell's body gestions formally offered to the Fuel Administration. A letter was read from Dr. Garfield expressing regret that he could not accept an invitation to be present. State Fuel Administrator Wiggin also was unable to attend, but asked that a full report of the meeting he sent to him.



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In Next Sunday's Sun

F. G. BLANCHARD FOUND DEAD. | HENEY IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Had Fallen Into Canal.

The body of Frank G. Blanchard, a prominent Brooklyn grain merchant, who and been unarcounted for since early Tuesday morning, was found yesterday n Gowanus Canal floating a short disance from one of his grain warehouses The announcement was made to-day at 85 Ninth street. Blanchard was in usiness with his sons. Their theory is hat he went to the second story of the warehouse to examine some grain, was stricken with heart trouble, and fell into the canal while opening a door to admit light to the building. Six years ago during a heart attack he fell down stairs in the Kings County Trust Com-nany Building.

pany Building.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary C.
Blanchard; two daughters, Miss Mildred,
and Mrs. John E. Richardson, and his
two sons, Frank C. and George C., who were partners with their father in his grain business.

The funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the residence, 222 East Seventeenth street, Flatbush. The body will be taken to Waterford. Conn., for burial in Jordan Cemetery.

TROOPS HUNT 3 SLACKERS.

Draft Evaders Kill Three Arisons County Officers.

o-day in an effort to capture Thomas Powers, John Powers and Thomas Sissons, sought for the murder of three Graham county officers in a fight in the Graham mountains Sunday. The fight occurred when the officers, led by Deputy inited States Marshal Frank Haynes attempted to arrest the Powers brothers for alleged draft evasion.

Jefferson Powers, father of the Powers Jefferson Powers, rather of the Fowers, brothers, who joined them in the fight against the officers, also was killed. Haynes escaped uninjured. Rewards totalling \$4,000 have been offered for the apture of the fugitives.

Williams Succeeds Scovil.

Harrison Williams, head of the Cen ral States Electric Company, succeeds Samuel Scovil as head of the Cleveland Illuminating Company.

ttorney for Trade Commission

following receipt of a telegram to Mr. Heney from California in which several hundred Californians named him as their choice for the nomination. In reply to

choice for the nomination. In reply to the telegram Mr. Hency said:
"The betterment of California has ever been my aim. In 1908 I helped to inaugurate the niovement which freed my State from political domination. I supported the Progressive measures of our Governors and saw the Progressive our Governors and by Gov. Hiram Johnson gain footing. I should lend every effort toward furthering his movement if made Governor."

Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, Feb. 14 - The weekly state-ment of the Bank of England shows the ment of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve inc. 1404,000: circulation dec. 171,000; bullion inc. 1333,607; other securities dec. 11,227,000; public deposits dec. 12,150,000; other deposits inc. 1761,000; notes reserve inc. 1418,000; Government securities dec. 1640,000.

The proportion of the bank's reserve

Bisser, Ariz., Feb. 14.—Two troops of United States cavalry and posses from last week it was 18.56 per cent. Rate half a dozen counties were cooperating of discount, 5 per cent.

Cashing Russian Coupes

The semi-annual interest due vester Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Francis J. Heney, counsel for the Federal Trade Commission in its investigation of the meat packing industry, has announced his candidacy for the nomination of Governor of California.

The announcement was a special cashing the coupons.

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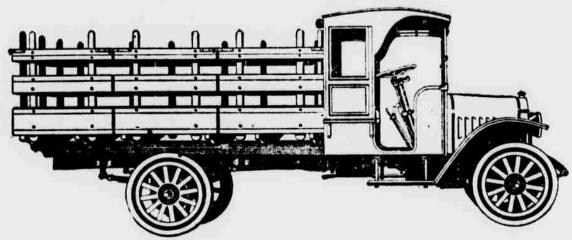
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